

# L.A. BOARD OF EDUCATION SMILES FAVORABLY ON TWO SITES FOR JUNIOR COLLEGE

Two sites on Figueroa street in the vicinity of Ross Field, Wilmington, were agreed upon as equally favorable for the future \$1,000,000 Junior college for the harbor district, when members of the Los Angeles Board of Education and a representative group from the civic organizations of the harbor area met at Banning High School, Wilmington, Tuesday.

Dr. Vierling Kersey, superintendent of the Los Angeles Board of Education, presided.

Dr. Kersey said that the proposed school would have three divisions in its curriculum: academic, technical and business education and should be located in a location easily accessible to the adjacent industries, oil refineries as well as surrounding towns of the harbor area.

A resume was given of the various sites considered at previous meetings in regard to their adaptability for utilities, transportation, soil structure, drainage and amount of acreage available.

Arlo Burns, land agent for the Board of Education, displayed maps with the various locations that had been considered. Several of the proposed locations were to be discarded for various reasons.

A location which was very desirable at the northeast corner of Palos Verdes and Western ave., Lomita, came up for discussion. The property had the desired acreage and all utilities were available but the property is now owned by the U. S. Navy and is being used to house the Navy barges. It was agreed that it would not be easy to obtain the land as it is owned by the U. S. Government and would have to be taken up with officials in Washington, D. C. which would mean that it might be sometime before a clear title could be obtained for it.

The two sites on Figueroa street near Ross Field were agreed upon by the group as being the most desirable but final action will be taken by the Los Angeles Board of Education to determine which property will be selected.

The Board of Education budget calls for \$65,000 for a suitable site with an estimated \$75,000 to be spent later on building and equipment.

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# Miss Mills Is Commended For War Morale Work

(Continued from Page 1-A) effort extended far beyond those of Torrance High. All those to whom the Torrance alumni passed the paper receive a 'lift' in morale in knowing that someone at home was interested in their spiritual as well as physical welfare.

"It might be of interest to you to know that I have asked a great many service personnel if anyone from their school or home town has done what you have done for the service men and women of Torrance, but in not a single instance did I receive a positive answer."

Colonel McLean has been in the service since Aug. 4, 1941. The Torrance High "Newsletter" prepared under the direction of Miss Mills went out about once in three or four weeks, the year round. At the peak, close to a thousand were mailed. Cards for each man or woman in the service also were sent out, and a complete record of former Torrance men and women in the service was maintained.

The letters not only went out to alumni but to all former students of the school. Now, as the boys come back, they drop in and see Miss Mills for advice as to future courses, jobs and other information.

Replies from the boys kept Miss Mills at her task, and she received hundreds of letters a month. (All were answered.)

## Building Permits

Building permits issued in Torrance during the past week soared over the previous week with \$58,275 reported by the building department.

Henry Ullrich, 1434 El Prado, patio adjoining residence, \$3400.

Lebow and McNeel, 4675 Del Amo Blvd., steel oil derrick, \$5,000.

Carl Stiles, 23007 Narbonne Ave., addition to residence, \$1,325.

Torrance Brass Foundry, 1825 W. 213th St., corrugated water, \$6,500.

J. C. Fedesco, 3873 Newton St., completing unfinished residence, \$2,000.

E. N. De Bennett, 2443 Gramercy, private garage, \$400.

Hugo Mahr, 3717 Pacific Coast Highway, steel frame greenhouse, \$5,000.

Ross LaFond, 1637 Fern Ave., frame residence, \$2,875.

General Petroleum Corp., 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., 40x140 steel frame machine shop, \$26,000; reinforce control house, \$3,500.

David F. Hagan, 1326 Date Ave., 5 rm. frame residence, \$4,600.

National Home Appliance, 1317 Sartori Ave., alteration to show window, \$75.

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# OBITUARY

**LINDA SHOEMAKER**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Linda Shoemaker, 86, who died last Thursday, were conducted in the Stone & Myers chapel by the Rev. Ronald Menham, Jan. 28. A native of Ohio and a member of the Christian church of Torrance, Mrs. Shoemaker lived with her daughter, Mrs. Laura M. Sprong, 912 Amapola Ave. Other survivors include Dr. W. K. Shoemaker, a son living in Wyoming; Mrs. Fred Stone and Miss Emma Walter, sisters living in Oregon; Mrs. Ida Stauffer, sister, Wooster, Ohio; a brother, Frank Walter, Long Beach; two grandsons, Richard and Roger Shoemaker of this city. Interment was in Chatsworth cemetery.

**WILLIAM EDWARD LAVEN, JR.**  
Services for William Edward Laven, Jr., were conducted by the Rev. Urban Hall in the Stone & Myers Chapel Jan. 28. He was born Oct. 10, 1912, in Streator, Ill.; died Jan. 24, 1946, in his home, 1809 Arlington Ave. Mr. Laven was well known in this community, where he had lived for the past 28 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace Laven; and their son, Ronald Lee; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Laven, Sr.; Mrs. Geraldine Satchell, sister; and a brother, Francis Laven. Burial was in the Inglewood Park cemetery.

**DARIO R. VALDEZ**  
Rosary will be recited for Dario R. Valdez, 21, by the Rev. C. J. Wood tomorrow evening at 7:30 P. M. Crenshaw Blvd. Dario Valdez was an employe of the local Columbia Steel Co. and resided at 2117 Marshall Field Lane, Redondo Beach. He is survived by his widow, Erminia Valdez; father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Valdez, and a sister, Mrs. Jose M. Rojas of this city. The Rev. C. J. Wood will conduct mass in the Puerto Catholic church Saturday morning at 9 a. m. Burial will follow in the Holy Cross cemetery.

## Expansion Here Awaits Planning Body Rulings

(Continued from Page 1-A) involving the opening of Jefferson St. east to Plaza del Amo or Vine St. north to Plaza del Amo. Each would involve a crossing of the Santa Fe tracks.

Also under consideration of the planning commission Tuesday night was a request for rezoning for business of an area along 101 highway, Waleria, adjacent to the city park. Asked by Ora and Vera Jones, the request met with considerable opposition at the first hearing.

Rezoning of Hawthorne Blvd. and 101 highway, in Waleria, for business was asked by George Thatcher, but no formal petition was presented. This met opposition from other Waleria residents because the community already has about one-half mile of frontage zoned for business, more than it ever will need, according to City Engineer G. M. Jain.

Variances were granted to O. W. Morman, 23840 Hawthorne Blvd., to establish a beauty shop, and to W. H. Bates, 24454 Hawthorne Blvd., for establishment of a feed store.

# Intricate Problems Face City In New Water Program

(Continued from Page 1-A) water by the district. Three development projects within the new district are in the making which will require water, and all are in that area adjacent to Waleria but not included in the survey and plan adopted. One is the 207-acre Ellwood project which is being subdivided into homesites by Ben Haggott for Roy P. Dolley, Los Angeles attorney. Another is the contemplated subdivision of 400 acres of the Weston ranch. The third is the area of approximately 600 acres above Waleria which would be developed in event water service is provided.

Likewise, Hollywood Riviera residents are seeking information as to formation of a district to the end that they might be served with Metropolitan water by a municipal district.

Mayor Tolson declared that not less than a 16-inch main should be built, and if ways can be found to finance the larger main, the district and city would be far better off than under the plan adopted.

One plan is for the city to abandon for the present the Metropolitan end of the project and spend the money developing the system with the use of ground water available in the district. Building of the Metropolitan main, of sufficient size, would follow at a later date.

Another is to finance the larger main with funds raised by Hollywood Riviera through formation of a water district.

A third is for the general fund to loan the money to the new district to make up the additional cost of larger main and attendant expansion.

"The principal thing is, we want to get water to the people of the city who want the water," the mayor declared.

## Welcome Home Veterans

Richard Henry Schroeder, 1007 1/2 Portola Ave., son of Mrs. Mary Schroeder, was reported discharged Jan. 23 by the Navy following more than five years service. A former Torrance high school student, Richard spent 72 months overseas and served aboard the U. S. Tennessee from which he saw many Pacific battles.

Leland F. Campbell, a Ship's Cook 2/c, recently received his honorable discharge following three and a half years' active service. He joined his wife, Margaret, and their two month-old son, Jim, at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Taylor, 2063 W. 220th St.

Wallace F. Steinhilber returned recently from Manila following two years' overseas service with an anti-aircraft searchlight unit. He had been in service for about three years.

Recently discharged from the U. S. Coast Guard Separation Center No. 11, Long Beach was Melvin E. Johnson, water tender, first class, of 24303 Lucille Ave., Lomita.

Goodwin I. Levitan, Q 2/c, arrived here Tuesday following his discharge at San Pedro. Levitan, husband of Mrs. Goody Levitan of the local U.S.E.S. office, has served the past 11 months of his 21 months of service in the Pacific. The couple are now residing at 1305 Post Ave.

Kenneth Everett Olson, CSF, 1252 Plaza del Amo, received his discharge at San Pedro following more than three years' service in the Navy. He served 25 months in the Asiatic Pacific theater of operations. Olson plans to open his own business here after a brief rest with his family.

William Milton Everett, SKT 2/c, son of Mrs. Martha L. Everett, 1004 Arlington Ave., was discharged Jan. 28 in San Pedro following more than two years in the Navy. Everett served in both the European and Pacific

# Conflicts Between Formal, Informal Education Present Teaching Problem

Only when large organizations are aroused enough to recognize the sway which modern living holds we be able to change the tide effectively and stem growing juvenile problems.

This was the assertion of Principal Raymond J. Casey, of Torrance High school Tuesday afternoon in his introductory talk to the high school Parent-Teacher association. Casey succeeded Harold Perry as principal on Monday, Perry going to Verdugo High school which is nearer his home.

"It would almost seem that the school is for the purpose of teaching youth to avoid doing those things which adults do," Principal Casey told the group gathered in the Music room of the high school.

Introduced by Mrs. Frank S. Selover, president of the association, Principal Casey made it clear in his talk that he was not referring to Torrance but to the general trend of the nation.

"Evidences and results of conflicts between formal and informal educational agencies are legion," he declared.

"For years, the schools have taught the physiological and the psychological effects of tobacco on the human body and in 48 states this is required by state law.

"Teachers have been confronted with the problem of how to teach these effects, and whether it will result in any good or not, the general trend of the nation, practices and actual attempts of society to educate in the opposite direction.

"Children of twelve and fourteen are allowed to smoke at home and in the community, heroes of sports, science, athletics, etc. are pictured on billboards, magazines, radio, newspapers, as users of a certain brand of cigarettes.

"Honestly, high ethical standards are taught in school, yet parents boast of their hoarding and black marketing.

"A certain number of hours of sleep is taught as a necessity, yet young people are seen on the streets and in the movies at late hours.

"The necessity of a good home life is taught, yet parents do not plan home entertainment for the children, nor supervise the radio program to which they listen and the books they read."

He stated that he is not putting the problem right on the shoulders of the P.T.A. any more than the school should assume full responsibility. He said that the problem will only be solved when enough large organizations are aroused enough to recognize this need to get together and really do something about it.

"One way to arouse public sentiment is to get more parents to be active in their Parent Teachers Associations, attend the meetings and realize the needs of your children, it was pointed out, and a closer contact is made through the parent teacher group than can possibly be made by just going to school once and meeting your child's teachers.

Nancy Ann Whyte led the flag salute to open the meeting, after which Mrs. E. G. Spratt read the P.T.A. Prayer. Before the reading of the P.T.A. Prayer, the read-

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